

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

Seattle Emergency Rental Assistance Funding – Round # 2

Release Date: November 5, 2021

The Office of Housing is soliciting statements of interest for the second round of Seattle Emergency Rental Assistance from owners of City-regulated affordable housing on behalf of resident households. All assistance availed under this NOFA will be tied to eligible resident households; property owners and/or property management companies that serve, for the sake of efficiency, as an intermediary.

As with the previous round of Seattle Emergency Rental Assistance, it must be demonstrated that households living in City-regulated affordable housing are unable to pay rent during or due to the COVID-19 crisis and be at risk of losing their housing due to an inability to pay rent. Eligibility for Seattle Emergency Rental Assistance will further be limited to households with incomes at or below 80 percent of the area median income and that occupy affordable rental housing that is regulated by the Office of Housing. Households receiving supports from other sources of rental assistance (e.g., tenant- or project-based housing choice vouchers (Section 8) or City operating assistance) are eligible for Seattle Emergency Rental Assistance made available under this NOFA.

Up to \$6,000,000 in Seattle Emergency Rental Assistance funding is available under this NOFA. The fund source is U.S Department of Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance funds, made available through the American Rescue Plan Act.

Statement of Interest Content

Providers seeking Seattle Emergency Rental Assistance should submit a cover letter with an attachment that provides:

- A list of all resident households that have rent arrearages, organized by building name with the unit number as the only identifier.
- The amount of rent owing from April of 2020 to December 1, 2021 for each household.
- The reported household income in 2020 or 2021, whichever is the most current.
- An indication of whether the household receives another form of rental housing support (e.g., Section 8).

Letters and attachments shall be directed to the Office of Housing (contact information appears below).

Review Process

The Office of Housing will review statement of interest on the basis of: (a) the total number of households at risk of losing their housing due to an inability to pay rent (b) the totality of unpaid rent for the months of April of 2020 through December ,2021 and (c) the most current reported household income. To the extent that the cumulative amount requested by housing providers under this NOFA exceeds the amount of Seattle Emergency Rental Assistance available, OH may consider other factors in determining conditional award amounts. Sample factors may include, but are not limited to, agency financials, geographic considerations, and the potential of the Seattle Emergency Rental Assistance to further the attainment of racial and social equity objectives. All awards will be made on a conditional basis, pending confirmation of individual households' eligibility.

Validation, Supporting Documentation, and Reporting

The fund source is U.S Department of Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance funds that is being made available through the American Rescue Plan Act.

Upon receipt of a conditional award of Emergency Rental Assistance, successful respondents will need to document the eligibility of each household receiving support. If a household was determined to be eligible under the previous round of Seattle Emergency Rental Assistance, then that determination of eligibility will suffice for this round.

The Office of Housing will work with each recipient organization to ensure appropriate attribution of Seattle Emergency Rental Assistance to eligible households. Following this verification process, the Office of Housing will finalize the award amount and release payment.

Deadline and Contact Information

All statements of interest must be submitted by 12 p.m. on Wednesday, December 15, 2021. Cover letters (Word or PDF) and attachments (Excel files only) should be directed OH's Dan Foley:

Dan.Foley@seattle.gov.